GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE ON ESIC MEDICAL FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ESIC has raised the ceiling of medical benefits ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ESIC has also increased the daily wage limit exemption as regards employee`s contribution ;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the number of persons likely to be benefited therefrom ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The ESI Corporation in its 137th meeting held on 23.12.2006 has approved the enhancement of ceiling on medical care from Rs. 900/-to Rs. 1,000/- per Insured Person (I.P.) per annum w.e.f. 01.04.2007. The ESI Corporation has also decided to give an incentive of Rs. 50/- per Insured Person per annum to State Government concerned on fulfilling stipulated terms and conditions for improvement of medical scheme.

(c)to(e) : Yes, Sir. The ESI Corporation in its 137th meeting held on 23.12.2006 has recommended the proposal for increase in the average daily wage limit for exemption from payment of employee`s share of contribution from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 70/- per day and approximately 5.70 lakh employees are likely to be benefited.